

32692
Customer Number

Patent
Case No.: 59030US004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

First Named Inventor: PURKINS, GRAHAM R.
Application No.: 10/596325 Confirmation No.: 5357
Filed: November 30, 2004
Title: DOSE COUNTER FOR DISPENSERS

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Mail Stop: Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, enclosed is a completed Form PTO-1449, citing references submitted for consideration by the Examiner. It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return the enclosed Form PTO-1449 to indicate that each reference has been considered.

Copies of any cited foreign patents, foreign publications, non-patent literature documents, and any pending U.S. applications filed before June 30, 2003, are enclosed. Copies of any pending U.S. applications filed after June 30, 2003 that can be accessed on the USPTO's IFW system are not enclosed as per USPTO Waiver dated September 21, 2004. Copies of any U.S. patents and published U.S. patent applications are not enclosed.

If a first Office Action on the merits has been mailed prior to the mailing date of this document, please charge the fee for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement set forth in 37 CFR § 1.17(p).

Respectfully submitted,

Sept. 25, 2006
Date

By: Ted K. Ringsred
Ted K. Ringsred, Reg. No.: 35,658
Telephone No.: 651-736-5839

Office of Intellectual Property Counsel
3M Innovative Properties Company
Facsimile No.: 651-736-3833

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Page 1 of 2

Application Number	10/596325
Filing Date	November 30, 2004
First Named Inventor	Purkins, Graham R.
Confirmation Number	5357
Attorney Case Number	59030US004

U.S. Patent Documents

Exam. Int.*	Cite No.	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Doc. Number-(Kind Code if Known)			
	A1	US- 4,565,302	01-21-1986	Pfeiffer et al.	
	A2	US- 5,174,473	12-29-1992	Garby et al.	
	A3	US- 5,289,946	03-01-1994	Fuchs	
	A4	US- 5,611,444	03-18-1997	Garby et al.	
	A5	US- 5,799,651	09-01-1998	Garby et al.	
	A6	US- 5,988,496	11-23-1999	Bruna	
	A7	US- 6,164,494	12-26-2000	Marelli	
	A8	US- 6,234,168	05-22-2001	Bruna	
	A9	US- 6,283,365	09-04-2001	Bason	
	A10	US- 6,446,627	09-10-2002	Bowman et al.	

Foreign Patent Documents

Exam. Int.*	Cite No.	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation (Check if yes)
		Ctry. Code	Number-Kind Code (if known)				
	B1	PCT	WO 95/08484	03-30-1995			
	B2	PCT	WO 96/39337	12-12-1996			
	B3	PCT	WO 98/56444	12-17-1998			
	B4	PCT	WO 98/56445	12-17-1998			
	B5	PCT	WO 98/56446	12-17-1998			
	B6	PCT	WO 99/36115	07-22-1999			
	B7	PCT	WO 00/59806	10-12-2000			
	B8	PCT	WO 02/69252	09-06-2002			
	B9	PCT	WO 02/69253	09-06-2003			
	B10	PCT	WO 03/60162	10-02-2003			
	B11	PCT	WO 04/26380	04-01-2004			
	B12	PCT	WO 05/07226	01-27-2005			
	B13	PCT	WO 05/113044	12-01-2005			
	B14	PCT	WO 05/41850	05-12-2005			
	B15	EP	0 269 498 A2	01-06-1988			X

*Examiner:

Date Considered:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)

Page 2 of 2

Application Number	10/596325
Filing Date	November 30, 2004
First Named Inventor	Purkins, Graham R.
Confirmation Number	5357
Attorney Case Number	59030US004

Foreign Patent Documents

Exam. Init *	Cite No	Foreign Patent Document		Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	Translation (Check if yes)
		City, Code	Number-Kind/Code (if known)				
	B16	FR	FR 2854878 A1	11-19-2004			X

OTHER DOCUMENTS

Exam. Init *	Cite No	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	Translation (Check if yes)
	C1		
	C2		
	C3		

Examiner:*Date Considered:**

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.